

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services (LCDJFS) is seeking proposals from organizations and individuals wishing to provide services funded under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Independent Living Youth (ILY) and/or other funds that may become available.

Proposals are being solicited for the activity of Year-Round Youth Programs for the Program Year period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. Contingent upon the availability of funds and satisfactory performance, contracts may be renewed for a second program year of operation without the necessity of submitting another proposal. All proposals are subject to actual funding received by LCDJFS from the U.S. Department of Labor, the State of Ohio and other sources.

The purpose of this RFP is to procure employment and training services for WIA/WIOA/ILY youths. The initial funding and operational period is July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The number of clients to be served shall be dependent on available funding and will be negotiated with the successful proposers. It is estimated that approximately eighty (80) program slots will be funded with WIA/WIOA funds and an additional ten (10) slots for ILY. WIA/WIOA/ILY requires that programs operate year-round offering activities not only during summer months but on a year-round basis. The specific program services provided to an individual participant will be determined on the basis of each participant's Objective Assessment and Individual Service Strategy.

Full specifications and instructions are available at <http://www.lakecountyohio.gov/omjlake/home.aspx>. These materials are also available at the LCDJFS offices or by mail. Contact Leslie Ryan at (440) 350-4496 or at Leslie.Ryan@jfs.ohio.gov to arrange a pickup or mailing. LCDJFS is not able to provide copies of proposal documents by fax or electronic transmission.

A Bidders Conference to provide technical assistance in the preparation of proposals will be held at 2:00 p.m. March 27, 2015 at the LCDJFS offices, 177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio. Four (4) copies of each completed proposal must be submitted in sealed packages and received by LCDJFS at 177 Main Street, Painesville, Ohio, no later than 12:00 Noon EST Friday, April 10, 2015. All proposals are subject to actual funding made available for the specified activities and the RFPs are being published based on the terms and conditions as they are known on March 13, 2015.

LCDJFS, the Lake County Workforce Investment Board and its Youth Council, and the Lake County Board of Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all proposals; to waive informalities in RFPs; to increase or decrease or omit any or all items; to award a contract or contracts to the lowest and/or best proposer; to waive or extend proposal deadlines; and/or to negotiate with all qualified sources if in the best interest of LCDJFS and the Lake County Board of Commissioners. All proposals are subject to the WIA, WIOA and ILY regulations, policies, and funding allocations determined by the U.S. Department of Labor and the State of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

LCDJFS, the Lake County Workforce Investment Board, and the Lake County Board of Commissioners adhere to the principles of equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the selection of providers and awarding of contracts. Auxiliary aids and services are available on request to individuals with disabilities.

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